

Isaiah 1:18, "Come now and let us reason together saith the Lord, though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson they shall be as wool." Isa. 55:7. I John 1:9.

3. "There's a promise, O how precious,  
When by care and sorrow pressed  
Lifting all life's weary burdens,  
From the worn and troubled breast,  
Come to me all ye that labor,  
And I'll surely give you rest."

Matt. 11:28, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Jer. 6:16; Ex. 33:14; Heb. 4:9.

4. "There's a promise, O how precious,  
Midst the storm of life's wild sea  
Sounding sweet above the tumult,  
Bidding doubt and fear to flee,  
I, in perfect peace will keep thee  
If you stay your mind on me."

Isa. 26:3, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee." Isa. 48:18; Ps. 119:165; John 14:27.

5. "There's a promise, O how precious,  
When you reach the Jordan's side,  
Gleaming o'er the surging billows,  
As you face its death cold tide;  
When thou passest through the waters,  
I will close with thee abide."

Isa. 43:2, "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee." Deut. 31:68; Josh. 1:5; Gen. 28:15; I Chron. 28:30; Ps. 23:4.

6. "There's a promise, O how precious,  
Rising above the billow's roar,  
Shining through the mists and shadows,  
That conceal the heavenly shore,  
In my Father's house in glory  
Thou shalt dwell forever more."

II Cor. 5:1, "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." John 14:2; Rev. 22:1-5.

Song.

Concert reading,—Ps. 23.

Sentence prayers and benediction.

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#### SISTERS' S. C. E. CONVENTION.

Report of the first State Convention of the Sisters' Society of Christian Endeavor of the Brethren Church, held in Salisbury, Pa., Sept. 18, 1896.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P. M. by the president, Mrs. M. C. Myers.

Devotional Services conducted by M. M. Sterling.

A motion was made and carried to elect the officers by acclamation and the following officers were chosen:

Vice President, Mrs. Annie Nowag.

Secretary, Mrs. J. E. Parsons.

Treasurer, Mrs. W. A. Sibert.

The following were appointed on enrollment,—Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. Fike.

On Tabulated Statement,—Della Ripple and Mrs. Williams.

A motion was made and carried that we extend the courtesies of this convention to all members of the S. S. C. E. present. A motion was made and carried that only delegates be allowed to vote. The committee on enrollment reported eleven delegates. The committee on Tabulated Statement made the following report:

No. of Societies organized in Pa.,	16
" " " reported,	10
" members enrolled at organization,	210
" members enrolled since organization,	174
" devotional meetings held,	110
Am't of money realized since organization,	\$727 45
" of money expended since organization,	464 29
Conventions were discussed.	

After due consideration it was unanimously decided to hold county conventions, and the Meyersdale S. S. C. E. at once asked to entertain the first County Convention. The chair then appointed the State Executive Committee as follows:

MRS. DR. BEACHLEY,  
MRS. J. E. PARSONS,  
MRS. MILTON BEACHY,  
MRS. DR. MCKINLEY.

A vote of thanks was then tendered the Evangelical friends for their kindness shown the S. S. C. E. by allowing them the use of their church.

Prayer and adjournment.

MRS. J. E. PARSONS, Sec'y.

## Church News.

### FAREWELL TO OHIO.

The above caption is even yet almost a surprise to me. Almost eleven years ago, wife and myself left Indiana to cast our lot, at least for a time, in the state of Ohio, landing at Ashland on Feb. 16, 1886. Many of our most hallowed memories are associated with that city, and its University. For there I received much valuable help to be used in my ministry. Brother and Sister Perry were at the head of the school then, and by their faithful teaching, every one received much benefit. I have been a teacher myself, and have been much associated with teachers since then, but I have met none to whom I had rather send my children, than my own teachers at Ashland. What a blessed and glorious thing it is to prepare young people to live! Teachers may not, can-

not see nor know at the time what amount of good they are doing, but time will tell the story of their successes. The truth implanted with such patience, will develop into full fruition in after years, and shall rise up and call him blessed who has sent it forth on its mission of good.

On July 1, 1887, we began our first practical work in that profession to which we had been called by God and his people. The place was West Independence. The congregation was small, but the preacher was smaller. My ninth sermon (?) was preached at this place, after having taken charge of the church. The helpful encouragement given me by God's faithful people, their prayers in which I was held up to the throne of Grace, their suggestions, and patience with my failures, will always be remembered most kindly. Here, I remained almost four years, preaching, teaching school, threshing and otherwise laboring with my hands, and God blessed the feeble efforts to the saving of not a few souls. The cause has prospered there, and is now under the charge of Brother White. But some have "fallen asleep." Among the foremost and best in the church then, was brother A. Krabill, whose goodness of heart and deeply religious life, made lasting impressions on all and made the pastors work easier. He passed through great tribulations, suffering long and severely, but he had washed his robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb, and so fell asleep in Jesus. Thus my first congregation is being transplanted from the church militant into the church triumphant.

I accepted a call to the work in Williams county, and left W. Independence for my new field of work in which my whole time was taken in the Master's vineyard. Bryan was our home, and constituted one of the five appointments over which I tried to preside. The cause in Williams county had suffered at the hands of evil men, but God was and is her refuge, and his everlasting arms have proved a strong support. Brother D. M. Rittenhouse has been almost a father to the work there ever since it began. His devotions, self-sacrifices, courage and prayers, which have been heard and blessed of God, have done more to bring success than any other thing. A more unselfish man I have never met anywhere. Men may not always realize the worth of such a man, but God does and I know he will wondrously reward him. He has faithful helpers and God has blessed their united efforts. Bethesda chapel, and a good house of worship in the city of Bryan, with earnest Christian men and women about them, are fruits of their labors. The city church has its